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J. J. Rowsy
Interrog. Info

Testimony on the BALDRIAN Case:

Some years ago I was charged with directing a contact who supposedly was able to procure information on the remains of the so-called Rote Kapelle and on its further activity after the war. In addition it was suspected that the agent, who had been given the cover name of KRAFT, had been or was to be contacted by the MfS. I can no longer recall the agent's true name, it was claimed that he was a cousin of Heinrich HIMMLER's and had worked during the war as a captain (Hauptmann) in the OKW (Wehrmacht Supreme Command) office Ausland Abwehr (foreign defence). It soon developed, however, that the agent KRAFT was more or less an intelligence swindler and that the hopes entertained concerning intelligence which might be procured could not be fulfilled. Moreover the agent or rather some of his reports had pretty low moral standards. For this reason the whole affair was brought to a close. For the same reason there was no evaluation of the affair made for the card file.

In no way did I inform ALFRED about this affair or about the source. The main reason for this would be the low moral standard and the fact that the affair did not have any intelligence background. For the above-mentioned reasons I have tried to forget or erase from my memory this whole affair.

. . . read, confirmed and signed;

Closed:

(Machoczek) KM.

(Weber)KOM

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The accused,

Heinz FELFE,
personalia known,

appears at the prison in which he is being held in pre-trial custody and makes the following statements in the further course of his hearing:

BALDRIAN Case (cont.)

Question: In your testimony yesterday you stated that the source KRAFT (true name BODEN) had been or was to be contacted by the MfS. Please make your statements more precise in regard to the MfS contact with BODEN.

Answer: The name BODEN only now comes back to me after I have heard it. As far as I remember, BODEN stated that via an East Berlin newspaper (Berliner-Zeitung) he had met a man who may have been called GUENTER, Dr. GUENTER or WOLF. In the way BODEN described the circumstances of how this acquaintanceship came about, suspicion arose that this individual might be a member of the MfS or acting in their behalf. This suspicion was the reason for giving me the case to work on after that.

The first thing in investigating the case was to check the source's (BODEN's) credibility, as well as that of a series of statements which he reported which had not yet been checked. Here developed serious reservations about BODEN's credibility and the reports he had turned in. Efforts to confirm the contact (or planned contact) which he reported with the above-mentioned GUENTER (or whoever he was) were to no avail, as

were attempts to get BODEN to do something about this. It can moreover be objected that my division chief must have approved of my steps and also the case officer directly in contact with BODEN must have been convinced of the necessity and correctness of the way it was handled. If there had been any indications of success I would never have been able to delay further action on these or defend my actions to my superior.

I again state that I certainly did not discuss this matter with ALFRED. Nor was there at any time any discussion with the Soviets on the subject of the Rote Kapelle.

I have just seen by the notes I made at the time that the GUNTER mentioned on page 289 of my testimony had the first name Werner. I believe that this first name is the same one I called WOLF on the same page. At the time there was some confusion because the supposed contact person of BODEN's was now called GUNTER and now WERNER and it was not clear which was the first name and which the last.

Question: What is the connection of these pornographic photographs which we have here with the BALDRIAN case?

Answer: One day BODEN turned in a film which had already been developed and said he had gotten it from BALDRIAN (true name Dr. BEHNKE) with the request that he have prints made. BODEN said they were photographs of Dr. B's girl friend. As BODEN purportedly had reservations about having these prints made by a photography store, he asked his case officer whether he had any way of doing it. As far as I remember there were also some reservation about these claims which BODEN made, as he had been given a film which was already developed, and he

had, therefore, compromised Dr. B. at least in having it developed by a photo store no less than if he had ordered the desired prints at the same time. In addition BODEN knew the woman in the pictures himself, so this also meant a possibility that he had come into possession of the film in a way other than he claimed.